



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 23, 2001

BY FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Joe Rodriguez, Treasurer
Friends of Dave Eshleman
10840 Bennett Drive
Fontana, CA 92337

RE: MUR 5211
Friends of Dave Eshleman and
Joe Rodriguez, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

By letter dated June 20, 2001, you were notified that the Federal Election Commission determined to enter into negotiations directed toward reaching a conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe. On that same day you were sent a conciliation agreement offered by the Commission in settlement of this matter.

In your written response, which we received July 26, 2001, and in conversations with the candidate and representatives of Friends of Dave Eshleman, there has been indication of a willingness to conciliate this matter. Please note that conciliation negotiations entered into prior to a finding of probable cause to believe are limited to a maximum of 30 days. Because the 30-day period for negotiation has expired, it is necessary to resolve this matter expeditiously. You may either sign and return the conciliation agreement that was sent to you, or you may submit a counterproposal to that agreement. If you choose to submit a counterproposal, we would be willing to continue negotiations. However, if we have not received either a signed conciliation agreement or a written counterproposal from you by close of business on August 31, 2001, this Office will proceed to the next stage of the enforcement process.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald E. Campbell".

Donald E. Campbell
Paralegal Specialist

cc: Dave Eshleman